

Al-Maktab

Teacher's News Letter

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Introduction

This edition of Al-Maktab has been specifically released in order to communicate relevant issues that arise, timeously.

Workshops are hosted 3 times a year, thus leaving us with too big a gap in-between.

It is our fervent desire that this platform serves as an appropriate medium to highlight, educate and prep us as teachers for the tasks that lie ahead.

Addressing these issues unanimously will Insha-Allah, create the desired effect within our circles of Makaatib, amongst learners, teachers and parents.

Kindly forward your valuable suggestions regarding important issues that you feel need to be discussed.



Are you ready for the new academic year?

Nabi Muhammad (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) has said: "Soon the world will become subdued to you and young people will come to you who will be thirsty for knowledge. They will desire to attain a deep understanding of Deen, (Tafaquh). When they do come, teach them with kindness. Be tolerant with them and teach them the Ahaadith."

There is not the slightest amount of doubt that the existence of the Makaatib which imparts Islamic education in this day and age is such a great favour of Allah upon the Muslims that no favour greater than it can be envisaged.

Just as food is our physical source of nourishment, so too is Ilm (knowledge) our spiritual source of nourishment. Our spiritual life is solely dependent on Ilm. One great benefit of acquiring knowledge of Deen is that Allah Ta'ala becomes pleased with the one doing so. In this day and age, the best occupation is that of imparting the knowledge of Deen. There is no occupation or service (to mankind) better than teaching Deen. This is the need of the time.

Strengthening our Link with Allah Ta'ala

In order for our teaching to become effective, we have to create a link between ourselves and Allah Ta'ala. During the day, our effort is to link the creation (learners) with the Creator and a portion of our night (Tahajjud) should be used to link the Creator to His creation. Every Mu'allim/ah should

complete their daily ma'moolaat, i.e daily Tilawah of Qur-aan, Zikrullah, Nawaafil Salaah, Sadaqah and Dua. Beseech Allah Ta'ala for acceptance and His divine assistance in imparting the legacy of the Ambiya alayhimus salaam to the innocent hearts we have before us. May Allah Ta'ala accept and guide us all.

NOTICE BOARD

1) First Term Holiday

Insha Allah Maktab will close on the 30 April and open after Eidul Fitr on the 17 of May.

2) Aqaaid Grade 6

This year the Grade 6 and 7 learners will be studying a new Aqaaid Kitaab. Please note that pages 31-45 in the Grade 6 book should be omitted. These sections have been included in the Grade 7 syllabus and learners will cover these sections in Grade 7 Insha Allah.

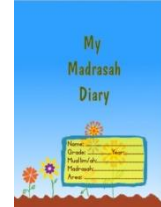
3) Ta'leem of Fazaail-e-Ramadhān

Teachers are humbly requested to commence the ta'leem of Fazaail-e-Ramadhān for a few minutes every day. Prepare a section from the Fazaail-e-Aamaal (abridged version) and read out one section to the children every day.

My Madrasah Diary

My Madrasah diary is a versatile tool and forms an integral part of our Tal'eem. It has many uses:

1. It serves as a means of correspondence with parents.
2. It keeps parents updated on their child's progress.
3. It tracks payment records.
4. It includes a Ramadaan chart, which is filled in during the blessed month of Ramadaan.
5. The most important feature of the diary is the Salaah Chart. The primary role of the maktab is to create salaah-conscious individuals who will establish this fundamental pillar of Islam throughout their lives.
 - ❖ In this regard teachers are advised to allocate a few minutes daily, to fill out the salaah chart. Use this opportunity to encourage learners to perform their Salaah by mentioning the virtues of salaah or even rewarding those who have performed their salaah.
 - ❖ Include the zikr of Kalimah Tayyibah and Durood Shareef during this time. It may be done collectively as a class, 10-15 times each.
 - ❖ Please do not neglect this important task.
6. Last but not least; My Daily Reminder. Every learner is required to recite the daily reminder before dismissal. In this age of irtidaad and corruption, it is hoped that these words will serve as a means of solidifying our Imaan .



Imaani Muzaakarah

Muallim/ah's are urged to commence Imaani Muzaakarah with learners on a daily basis, as this is the need of the time. There is an onslaught on our Imaan! In order to fortify our belief structure, a constant reminder is required on a daily basis.

In this Imaani Muzaakarah, the need is to keep on repeating. Repetition will Insha-Allah bring conviction.

Line 1: The first line is, "I will look after Allah's commands and Allah will look after me and be with me."

The child has to be convinced that protection lies in Allah's commands. In Allah's commands I will find Allah. I cannot afford to move away from Salaah, the Masjid, the Qur'aan and the Maktab in times of difficulty.

Line 2: The second line is, "If I need anything, I will ask Allah Alone, and turn to Allah Alone for help."

At the time of need and help, I should be turning to and asking Allah. Today we are only turning to the means and asking the creation; completely forgetting our creator, Allah.

Line 3: The third line is, "The whole world cannot help me or hurt me, without the permission of Allah."

This conviction has to settle deep in the heart, that every condition of benefit or harm, is only with Allah's permission. Illness does not decide on its own who to go to and how to go. Allah is controlling and deciding.

Line 4: The fourth line is, "What's not written for me, will never come to me. And what came to me, could never miss me."

We believe in Taqdeer, Allah's divine decision, perfect planning, having complete knowledge of everything. When we forget this, we end up questioning and blaming others. A man after adopting all the means, still falls sick, so he asks, "How come I fell sick?" In reality he completely forgot Allah. His question ought to have been, "How come I forgot Allah?"

What is desired from this Imaani Muzaakarah is that when anything happens, our minds and hearts should immediately turn to Allah.